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To whom it may concern,

I am a concerned, tax-paying citizen of the United States, with a technical background in the web industry. The reclassification of ISP's under Title 2 of the Communications Act of 1934 may not be the optimal option, but it is the best option to protect American citizens from price gouging and prioritization of their websites, and the best option to promote fair business competition (until a better option is drafted and passed).

The potential for an ever conglomerating ISP to prioritize access to websites by extorting the provider will make it cost prohibitive for any competitor to enter the market to provide an alternative to news sites, or to media sites, like Youtube or Netflix, for example. Unless explicitly regulated, a monopolizing business tends to want to retain, and grow, their business from year to year (see [AT&T/SBC](#)). Unfettered control of such a vital infrastructure without viable competition will lead the company to self-determine 'fair' market value, leading to price-gouging and fewer people with access.

Citizens of the U.S. increasingly rely on the internet to access their news and information, communicate with friends, neighbors, and strangers, watch informational shows, expand their understanding of this world, and generally become better citizens because of this access. This equal access to information is central to American democracy, and must be protected.

I can understand how the archaic, perhaps over-regulating Title 2 may prevent smaller ISP's from being able to understand and adhere to the regulations, and therefore may increase their overhead...but in my opinion, this is a preferable short-term outcome, and will incentivize these businesses to speedily promote drafting alternative legislation, which is sorely needed to keep up with the times.

In summation, I humbly request you consider the long term outcomes of removing ISP's from common-carriers classification under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.

Thank You

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